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said polymer matrix comprising:

(a) an ethylene homopolymer or copolymer having a density of from 0.905 to 0.970 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, wherein said ethylene homopolymer or copolymer are: ethylene homopolymers, copolymers of ethylene with an alpha-olefin; copolymers of ethylene with an ethylenically unsaturated ester; or mixtures thereof;

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(b) a copolymer of ethylene with at least one alpha-olefin, and optionally with a diene, said copolymer (b) having a density of from 0.860 to 0.904 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, having a composition distribution index greater than 45%, said index being defined as the weight percentage of copolymer molecules having an alpha-olefin content with 50% of the average total molar content of alpha-olefin.

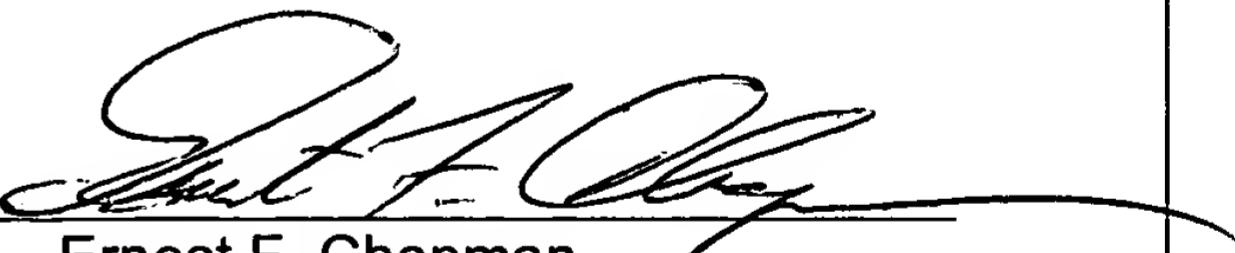
REMARKS

Claims 16-30 are currently pending. These claims, based on claims 1-15 as filed, have been amended to conform them to U.S. practice and to eliminate multiple claim dependency. No new matter has been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

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